

(e) Upon request, a first class pilot shall provide the Coast Guard with a copy of his or her most recent physical examination.

§ 10.711 Tonnage requirements.

(a) In order to obtain a first class pilot license or endorsement authorizing service on vessels of *any gross tons* over a particular route, the applicant must have sufficient experience on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons.

(b) If an applicant does not have sufficient experience on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons, the license or endorsement will be for a limited tonnage until the applicant completes a number of additional round trips, as determined by the OCMI, within the range contained in § 10.705 (b) or (c), as appropriate, on vessels of over 1,600 gross tons.

(c) For purposes of this section, an applicant is considered to have sufficient experience if the applicant has 18 months experience as master, mate, quartermaster, wheelsman, able seaman, apprentice pilot, or in an equivalent capacity, standing regular watches at the wheel or in the pilothouse as part of routine duties, on vessels of 1,600 gross tons or over, and two-thirds of the minimum number of round trips required for the route have been on vessels of 1,600 gross tons or over.

(d) For purposes of this section, for experience with respect to tonnage on towing vessels, the combined gross tonnage of the towing vessel and the vessel(s) towed will be considered. However, the OCMI may require that all or a portion of the required number of round trips be obtained on self-propelled vessels of 1,600 gross tons or over, when the OCMI determines that due to the nature of the waters and the overall experience of the applicant, self-propelled vessel experience is necessary to obtain a first class pilot license or endorsement that is not restricted to tug and barge combinations.

§ 10.713 Requirements for maintaining current knowledge of waters to be navigated.

(a) If a first class pilot has not served over a particular route within the past 60 months, that person's license or endorsement is invalid for that route, and

remains invalid until the individual has made one re-familiarization round trip over that route, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section. Whether this requirement is satisfied or not has no effect on the renewal of a license or endorsement. Round trips made within the 90 day period preceding renewal will be valid for the duration of the renewed license or endorsement.

(b) For certain long or extended routes, the OCMI may, at his discretion, allow the re-familiarization requirement to be satisfied by reviewing appropriate navigation charts, coast pilots tide and current tables, local Notice to Mariners, and any other materials which would provide the pilot with current knowledge of the route. Persons using this method of re-familiarization shall certify, when applying for renewal of their license or endorsement, the material they have reviewed and the dates on which this was accomplished. Review within the 90 day period preceding renewal is valid for the duration of the renewed license or endorsement.

Subpart H—Registration of Staff Officers

§ 10.801 Applicability.

This subpart provides for the registration of staff officers for employment on vessels documented or numbered under the laws of the United States. Staff officers must be registered if serving on most vessels in ocean service or on the Great Lakes.

§ 10.803 Grades of certificates issued.

Staff officers are registered in the following grades:

- (a) Chief purser.
- (b) Purser.
- (c) Senior assistant purser.
- (d) Junior assistant purser.
- (e) Medical doctor.
- (f) Professional nurse.

§ 10.805 General requirements.

(a) The applicant for a certificate of registry as staff officer is not required to take any examination; however, the applicant shall present to the Officer in

Charge, Marine Inspection a letter justifying the need for the certificate of registry.

(b) The applicant must hold or apply for a merchant mariner's document.

(c) Endorsements for a higher grade are not made on certificates of registry. An applicant for a higher grade in the staff department shall apply in the same manner as for an original certificate of registry and shall surrender the certificate upon issuance of the new certificate of registry. A person holding a certificate of registry as staff officer may serve in a lower grade of a service for which he or she is registered.

(d) Title 46 U.S.C. 8302 addresses uniforms for staff officers who are members of the Naval Reserve.

(e) A duplicate certificate of registry may be issued by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. (See § 10.219.)

(f) A certificate of registry is valid for a term of 5 years from the date of issuance. Procedures for renewing certificates of registry are found in § 10.209. The expiration date of a certificate of registry issued without an expiration date shall be determined in accordance with § 10.811.

(g) Each applicant for an original certificate of registry or a higher grade of certificate of registry, as described by paragraph (c) of this section, shall produce evidence of having passed a chemical test for dangerous drugs or of qualifying for an exception from testing in § 16.220 of this subchapter. An applicant who fails a chemical test for dangerous drugs will not be issued a certificate of registry.

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§ 10.807 Experience requirements for registry.

(a) The applicant for a certificate of registry as staff officer shall submit evidence of experience as follows:

(1) *Chief purser.* Two years of service aboard vessels performing duties relating to work in the purser's office.

(2) *Purser.* One year of service aboard vessels performing duties relating to work in the purser's office.

(3) *Senior assistant purser.* Six months of service aboard vessels performing duties relating to work in purser's office.

(4) *Junior assistant purser.* Previous experience not required.

(5) *Medical doctor.* A valid license as physician or surgeon issued under the authority of a state or territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

(6) *Professional nurse.* A valid license as a registered nurse issued under authority of a state or territory of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

(b) Employment on shore in connection with ship's business may be accepted in lieu of service aboard vessels. Related shore employment is accepted in the ratio of two months of shore service to count as one month of service aboard vessels.

(c) In computing the length of service required of an applicant for a certificate of registry, service of one season on vessels on the Great Lakes is counted as service of one year.

(d) In the event an applicant for a certificate of registry, other than medical doctor or professional nurse, presents evidence of other qualifications which, in the opinion of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, is equivalent to the experience requirements of this section and is consistent with the duties of a staff officer, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection may issue the certificate of registry.

§ 10.809 Experience requirements for ratings endorsed on certificate of registry.

An applicant for rating to be endorsed on a certificate of registry shall submit evidence of experience as follows:

(a) *Marine physician assistant.* Successful completion of an accredited course of instruction for a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner program.

(b) *Hospital corpsman.* A rating of at least hospital corpsman or health services technician, first class in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, or an equivalent rating in the